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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003, having an extended due date for response set to expire on February 5, 2004, the Examiner requested an election of one of three species of the claimed invention. In response, Applicants elect Species A and at least claim 3 readable thereon. As noted by the Examiner, claims 1, 2 and 7-10 are generic and, therefore, claims 1-3 and 7-10 are expected to be examined.

Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected Species B and C and the claims readable thereon. As also noted by the Examiner, if one or more generic claims is/are allowed, such as claims 1, 2, and 7-10, then the claims readable on the presently non-elected species should be included in the Notice of Allowance.

A Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, and a check in the amount of \$110.00 are submitted concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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